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SUBJ: SULPHURIC ACID SURPLUS ?

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1. NOW THAT THE ASEAN SUPERHOSPHATE FERTILIZER PROJECT HAS BEEN BURIED WITHOUT HONORS, IE., ALL PROJECT ACTION OFFICERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY, AND PASAR CONCEDE THE PROJECT IS BEING "RETHOUGH," THE QUESTION REMAINS WHAT TO DO WITH THE 300,000 TONS/YR OF SULPHURIC ACID THAT WILL BE PRODUCED BY THE PROPOSED COPPER SMELTER.

2. ACTION OFFICERS HAVE HOPES OF RE-ACTIVATING THE PROJECT IF AN ADEQUATE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF PHOSPHATE ROCK CAN BE FOUND. INTENSIVE EXPLORATION IS UNDERWAY IN MINDANAO BY THE BUREAU OF MINES.

3. A MORE LIKELY ALTERNATIVE, AND THAT BEING MENTIONED IN MOST CIRCLES, IS THE OUTRIGHT SALE OF THE ACID TO THE THREE EXISTING FERTILIZER PRODUCERS TO REPLACE PRESENT
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IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, WITH EXPORT OF THE SURPLUS OF DOMESTIC NEEDS. HOWEVER, A FPA OFFICIAL POINTS OUT CORRECTLY THAT THE EXPORT MARKET MAY NOT BE GOOD BECAUSE JAPAN PRACTICALLY "GIVES THE STUFF AWAY".

4. A POSSIBLE FALL BACK SOLUTION MENTIONED BY ALL SOURCES IS TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER AMMONIA SULFATE

FERTILIZER PLANT PRODUCING ABOUT 130,000 MT OF
FERTILIZER PER YEAR. RIGHT NOW THAT PROJECT IS STILL
VERY CONCEPTUAL. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
THIS DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IF OPPORTUNITIES FOR
U.S. COMMERCIAL SALES ARISE. U.S. FIRMS WISHING TO
REGISTER AN EARLY INTEREST IN THIS POTENTIAL PROJECT
SHOULD CONTACT:

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